

## DENTAL BOARD[650]

### Notice of Intended Action

**Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”**

**Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 147.34 and 153.21, the Dental Board hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 11, “Licensure to Practice Dentistry or Dental Hygiene,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The purposes of the proposed amendments are to allow applicants applying for licensure by examination to take the same nationally recognized regional examinations currently accepted for applicants who apply for licensure by credentials; to require applicants who have held licenses in other states for one year or longer to apply for licensure by credentials; to clarify the practice requirements for applicants applying for licensure by credentials; to remove special transitional period language that is no longer applicable; to remove references to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank; and to allow jurisprudence examinations to be administered by other entities.

These amendments would allow applicants applying for licensure the ability to show successful completion of any of the nationally recognized regional examinations without regard to the basis for application.

These amendments would require applicants who have held a license in another state for one year or longer to make application by credentials to allow for better verification of applicants’ qualifications.

These amendments further clarify the three-year practice requirements for applicants who apply by credentials.

These amendments remove references to the transition period for applicants who make application for licensure by examination as such a period would no longer be necessary.

These amendments remove references to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank, which merged with the National Practitioner Data Bank in 2013.

These amendments would allow other entities to administer the Board-approved jurisprudence examination in order to make it more widely accessible.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendments until 2 p.m. on September 21, 2016. Such written materials should be directed to Phil McCollum, Associate Director, Iowa Dental Board, 400 S.W. Eighth Street, Suite D, Des Moines, Iowa 50309; or sent by e-mail to [phil.mccollum@iowa.gov](mailto:phil.mccollum@iowa.gov).

There will be a public hearing on September 21, 2016, at 2 p.m. in the Board office, 400 S.W. Eighth Street, Suite D, Des Moines, Iowa, at which time persons may present their views orally or in writing.

The proposed amendments are subject to waiver or variance pursuant to 650—Chapter 7.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 147 and 153.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 11.2(1) as follows:

**11.2(1)** Applications for licensure by examination to practice dentistry in this state shall be made on the form provided by the board and must be ~~complete and include~~ completely answered, including required credentials and documents. An applicant who has held a dental license issued in another state for one year or longer must apply for licensure by credentials pursuant to rule 650—11.3(153).

ITEM 2. Rescind paragraph **11.2(2)“c.”**

ITEM 3. Reletter paragraphs **11.2(2)“d”** to **“j”** as **11.2(2)“c”** to **“i.”**

ITEM 4. Amend relettered paragraph **11.2(2)“c”** as follows:

*c. Documentation of passage of national dental examination.* Evidence of successful completion of the examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations. ~~Any dentist who has lawfully practiced dentistry in another state or territory for five years may be exempted from presenting this evidence.~~

ITEM 5. Amend relettered paragraph **11.2(2)“d”** as follows:

*d. Documentation of passage of a regional clinical examination.*

(1) Successful passage of ~~CRDTS a regional clinical examination within the previous five-year period. Evidence of having successfully completed in the last five years the examination administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS).~~

(2) ~~Special transition period for dentists passing WREB or ADEX examination prior to September 1, 2011. An applicant who has successfully taken and passed the WREB or ADEX examination within the five years prior to September 1, 2011, may apply for licensure by examination by submitting evidence of successful completion of the WREB or ADEX examination. The following regional examinations are approved by the board for purposes of licensure by examination: Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS), Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc. (SRTA), and American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX).~~

ITEM 6. Amend relettered paragraph **11.2(2)“e”** as follows:

*e. Explanation of any legal or administrative actions.* A statement disclosing and explaining any disciplinary actions, investigations, complaints, malpractice claims, judgments, settlements, or criminal charges, ~~including the results of a self-query of the National Practitioners Data Bank (NPDB) and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB).~~

ITEM 7. Amend relettered paragraph **11.2(2)“g”** as follows:

*g. Documentation of passage of jurisprudence examination.* Evidence of successful completion of ~~the a board-approved~~ jurisprudence examination ~~administered by the Iowa dental board.~~

ITEM 8. Amend subparagraph **11.3(2)“e”(1)** as follows:

(1) ~~Passed an examination approved by the board in accordance with Iowa Code section 147.34(1) and administered by a regional or national testing service. The clinical examinations approved by the board are specified in 650—subrule 12.1(5) Has less than three consecutive years of practice immediately prior to the filing of the application and successful passage of a regional clinical examination within the previous five-year period. The following regional examinations are approved by the board for purposes of licensure by credentials: Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS), Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc. (SRTA), and American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX); or~~

ITEM 9. Amend paragraph **11.3(2)“g”** as follows:

*g.* A statement disclosing and explaining any disciplinary actions, investigations, malpractice claims, complaints, judgments, settlements, or criminal charges, including the results of a self-query of the National Practitioners Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) ~~and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB).~~

ITEM 10. Amend paragraph **11.3(2)“j”** as follows:

*j.* Evidence of successful completion of ~~the a board-approved~~ jurisprudence examination ~~administered by the Iowa dental board.~~

ITEM 11. Amend subrule 11.5(1) as follows:

**11.5(1)** Applications for licensure to practice dental hygiene in this state shall be made on the form provided by the dental hygiene committee and must be completely answered, including required credentials and documents. An applicant who has held a dental hygiene license issued in another state for one year or longer must apply for licensure by credentials pursuant to rule 650—11.6(153).

ITEM 12. Rescind paragraph **11.5(2)“c.”**

ITEM 13. Reletter paragraphs **11.5(2)“d”** to **“j”** as **11.5(2)“c”** to **“i.”**

ITEM 14. Amend relettered paragraph **11.5(2)“c”** as follows:

*c. Documentation of ~~completion~~ passage of national dental hygiene examination. Evidence of successful completion of the examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations.*

ITEM 15. Amend relettered paragraph **11.5(2)“d”** as follows:

*d. Passage Documentation of passage of a regional clinical examination.*

(1) ~~Successful passage of CRDTS a regional clinical examination within the previous five-year period. Evidence of having successfully completed in the last five years the examination administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS).~~

(2) ~~Special transition period for dental hygienists passing WREB examination prior to September 1, 2011. An applicant who has successfully taken and passed the WREB examination within the five years prior to September 1, 2011, may apply for licensure by examination by submitting evidence of successful completion of the WREB examination. The following regional examinations are approved by the board for purposes of licensure by examination: Central Regional Dental Testing Service(CRDTS), Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc. (SRTA), and American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX).~~

ITEM 16. Amend relettered paragraph **11.5(2)“f”** as follows:

*f. Documentation of passage of jurisprudence examination. Evidence of successful completion of the a board-approved jurisprudence examination administered by the dental hygiene committee.*

ITEM 17. Amend relettered paragraph **11.5(2)“h”** as follows:

*h. Explanation of any legal or administrative actions. A statement disclosing and explaining any disciplinary actions, investigations, complaints, malpractice claims, judgments, settlements, or criminal charges, including the results of a self-query of the National Practitioners Data Bank (NPDB) and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB).*

ITEM 18. Amend paragraph **11.6(2)“b”** as follows:

*b. Evidence of successful completion of the examination of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations or evidence of having passed a written examination that is comparable to the examination given by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations. Any dental hygienist who has lawfully practiced dental hygiene in another state or territory for five or more years may be exempted from presenting this evidence.*

ITEM 19. Amend subparagraph **11.6(2)“e”(1)** as follows:

(1) ~~Passed an examination approved by the board in accordance with Iowa Code section 147.34(1) and administered by a regional or national testing service. The clinical examinations approved by the board are specified in 650—subrule 12.3(5). Has less than three consecutive years of practice immediately prior to the filing of the application and successful passage of a regional clinical examination within the previous five-year period. The following regional examinations are approved by the board for purposes of licensure by credentials: Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS), Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc. (SRTA), and American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX); or~~

ITEM 20. Amend paragraph **11.6(2)“g”** as follows:

*g. A statement disclosing and explaining any disciplinary actions, investigations, complaints, malpractice claims, judgments, settlements, or criminal charges, including the results of a self-query of the National Practitioners Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB).*

ITEM 21. Amend paragraph **11.6(2)“j”** as follows:  
*j.* Successful completion of ~~the~~ a board-approved jurisprudence examination ~~administered by the dental hygiene committee.~~